Groton Historical Commission

August 9, 2023

Groton Town Hall

7:00 PM

**Minutes:**

1. Aubrey Theall called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Commissioners Aubrey Theall, Michael LaTerz, Michael Danti, Joshua Vollmar in attendance.
2. Minutes from July meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Thomas Horsman, candidate to join the Historical Commission was also in attendance. Commission voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Horsman to the Select Board to be appointed a Commissioner. Aubrey Theall to contact the Town Clerk to advance.
4. Further new member recruiting, 3 alternate Commissioners. Letter to editor of the Groton Herald has been submitted.
5. Prescott House Updates (Aubrey Theall):
   1. 18 month demo delay clock continues to tick toward November 2024.
   2. RFP Responses for Historic Structure Report due by 8/31.
   3. Real estate quasi "listing" (for movement of house), hopeful to have soon. Will list house on circaoldhouses.com shortly.
   4. Prescott House FAQ's are with GHM.
6. Preservation of Town Records/Possible CPA Funding (Bob DeGroot). Bob was not present, tabled until next meeting.
7. Inventory of Historic Assets: Michal Danti continues to work on as time permits.
8. Old Meetinghouse Updates: Allen King was not present, tabled until next meeting.
9. Historical Markers. Michael LaTerz is working on a CPA funding application for restoration of two stones.
10. Bancroft Castle (Joshua Vollmar). Aubrey Theall spoke with the Webbers, who are on board with the concept of trying to obtain CPA funding for preservation of the castle remains. Conservation Commission is supportive. Aubrey to reach out to MA DEP who also holds a conservation restriction on the property to ascertain their support.
11. Town of Groton Long Term Plan interview update (Aubrey Theall, Michal LaTerz)
12. Any topics not anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. Joshua Vollmar brought up that historical newspaper resources have not been restored after a computer conversion at the library. Aubrey Theall to write a letter to the Library Trustees requesting restoration of access.
13. New business (none)
14. Next meeting scheduled for 9/13 at 7pm.
15. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:10pm.